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Fall Festival Weekend is an annual event that has been occurring for at least 30 years.

by Jessica Williams
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

SAINT LEO – Do you have school spirit? Do you enjoy having fun? If so, then attend Fall Festival Weekend.

Fall Festival Weekend is an annual event that has been occurring for at least 30 years.

Fall Festival Weekend started when Saint Leo University had a football team. This weekend was then known as Homecoming, according to Nancy Pond, ex-student activities coordinator.

Once Saint Leo lost the football team, the weekend changed from Homecoming to Family Weekend to Fall Family Festival. Finally the name was changed to Fall Festival Weekend, which it is known as now.

Ana Didonato, a student affairs coordinator, feels the weekend has undergone these name changes because many parents could not attend, thus the weekend is more student-oriented.

For those whose families will be in attendance, there is some information they need to know. The whole weekend costs $40 for adults and $10 for guests under 18 years of age. Those people who can only attend Saturday will pay $25 for adults and $5 for guests under 18 years of age. Do not let the price keep people away because it is well worth the fun.

Softball Girls won first prize in the group performance in the Talent Show (Janet Samancioglu / SLU)

Also, families can stay at the local hotels, located in Wesley Chapel, exit 58 on I-75. Many of these hotels offer discounts to Saint Leo's students' families.

Mark Blair, student activities coordinator, said he expects anywhere from 100 to 200 people to be in attendance during Fall Festival Weekend.

Each year Fall Festival Weekend has had a theme. This year going along with the Survivor theme from New Student Orientation this summer, the theme is African Safari. The weekend officially kicks off on Friday, October 26 at 1 p.m. with a series of spirit competitions for the classes.

When the representatives for the classes register, they will be judged on how much green and gold they wear.

Events will include a pie-eating

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The Virtual University

Learning and education have always been obtained using the same methods.

by Debi Stigler
Special to the Lions' Pride

SAINT LEO - There is a new way to get an education, and this new way is "not" to attend school at all. This unusual but innovative way is via an online university.

With computers in just about every home in America, it was just a matter of time before education claimed their slice of "superhighway" pie. For many people who have attended college in an on-campus environment, this innovative learning concept is hard to grasp.

Learning and education have always been obtained using the same methods. The system is similar throughout America: a student physically enters a building called a school, he is taught by a professor, and he studies through the use of books. With today's technology, the standard method of education is traveling in a new, economical, and resourceful direction.

"This program started in 1998 with 12 students and four faculty," said Dr. Marci Goldstein, assistant director of online learning at Saint Leo University "This fall, we had 222 classes and close to 4,200 students, and I anticipate solid growth in 2002."

Online learning is, in fact, not a new concept. Disabled and physically challenged students have used this method to obtain an education for many years. Due to technological advancements and innovations, what was once reserved for a precise group of students has been introduced to us all.

Complete online degrees are offered by accredited colleges in an array of disciplines. Students can choose to pursue a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, or just take a few core courses.

Actual professors, who instruct in on-campus classrooms, teach the classes they instruct via online chat sessions, message

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Drug Use Among Teenagers: Is This Becoming A Problem?

by Jessica Williams
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

SAINT LEO – Marijuana, crack, heroin, all drugs that seem to be triggering the increase in drug use.

During this year, the movie "Traffic" was released. The movie focused on drug cartels. It also showed scenes of high school students using drugs, which caused one girl to run away from home.

Watching this movie made me think, is this really going on in America's high schools and universities? Unfortunately, more and more movies are showing teens using drugs, which sets a bad example on the impressionable youth of America.

This drug issue has hit me close to home. First off, my cousin, Jimmy, is addicted to crack. He comes from a good family. However, during his senior year of high school, one of his friends offered him crack. See, the bad thing with crack is after one hit, you are hooked. Jimmy threw away a full basketball scholarship and took to heavy use of crack. As time went on, the Jimmy we knew and loved slowly deteriorated. He cleaned his parents out of house and home by pawning his mother's old jewelry and the family television. During this time, his parents fought over what choices did they have over their son. His father wanted to throw him out, but his mother could not do that. Eventually his parents divorced.

Meanwhile, Jimmy has been in and out of rehabilitation centers; however, nothing will stop the cravings. Unfortunately, in order to get off crack, you have to want to quit. Jimmy is not ready to admit that he needs help.
In fact, Jimmy is lucky to be alive. Going into crack neighborhoods, Jimmy has been shot and had a gun held to his head. He has even spent time in jail. He will stay clean for a few months, but a friend will offer him crack, and the cycle starts all over again.

Because of him, I have always steered clear of drugs. I even quit smoking when Jimmy broke into tears and said, "Jessica, please do not smoke. That was how I started and got myself into this mess. You have a future, I no longer do. Please do not throw your future away." Those words really touched me. I hope God will always watch over Jimmy and help him fight this awful addiction.

Heroin is another popular drug. My best friend all through middle and most of high school is addicted to it. She was always eccentric. She dyed her hair different colors and wore a lot of black. I idolized her. To tell you the truth, she was the one who I started smoking with. She, like my cousin Jimmy, came from a good family. In fact, she has broken her mother's heart. She always tried to grow up too fast.

My friend began experimenting with different drugs. She started skipping high school. Her father approached me and told me that she was addicted to heroin. He gave me her phone number and told me to call her.

When I called her, she told me she was going into a rehabilitation center. We both started crying. I was crying because she had been like a sister to me, and I felt she was letting me down. She cried and told me she was jealous of me going to college and having the life she wished she could have had. She expressed her wish that I would never be as stupid as she was. I promised her I would not. I have not spoken to her in more than seven months. I pray every night she is okay.

This editorial was written to help those individuals who may think drugs and even alcohol have no underlying effects. I hope those who read this learn to understand the pain that is associated with drugs. I have lost two people I love to drugs, so please think twice before throwing your whole future away.

EDITORIAL

The Unspoken Rule

by Jay Kubica
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

There's an unspoken, universally accepted rule in New York City that protects everyone's privacy. Because of this rule, certain things are simply not done, like making eye contact with a stranger or accidentally brushing up against someone on the street. You definitely don't ask a stranger anything personal. That's a big no-no. In a city where space is at a premium, privacy is a closely guarded asset.

Asset or no asset, it's a testament to human goodness that this universal law of non-involvement was just as universally suspended after the World Trade Towers collapsed. Standing outside Grand Central Station, about a mile north of the World Trade Center, I heard the buzz of conversation between strangers, a buzz which previously wasn't part of the street. When a lady tripped and fell, at least ten hands reached out to help her up, hands which were transformed in a crisis from invasions of privacy to signs of compassion. Even more unexpected a transformation was hearing Howard Stern, normally a typical shock jock, on every portable radio I passed acting as the city's human emergency broadcasting system. When I reached Central Park, where my tour group was supposed to meet to coordinate itself, there were more gestures of kindness. People were buying pizza from vendors and passing it out to strangers, especially those who were obviously trapped in Manhattan with little money for food. By this time it was approaching noon, and the human stomach never rests. Further on, I witnessed similar acts. One of the routes open to pedestrian traffic out of Manhattan was the Manhattan Bridge. On the Brooklyn side of the bridge, a water bottling company had set up tables where they were handing out free water. This was especially good since people coming over the bridge had probably been walking for miles just to get to the bridge and still had miles to go before they were home.

Unfortunately, when the unspoken law is suspended it not only opens the door to human goodness, but to human intolerance. On September 11th, and for several weeks afterwards around the nation, the normal rules which govern tolerance in race relations broke down for those of Arabic descent. While I was leaving Central Park, where strangers had bought food from vendors for others, I saw a young man walk by an Arabic vendor and curse in his face for a full minute. The vendor didn't say a word, and when the young man moved on, he went about his business as if nothing had happened.

It's been over a month now since the Trade Towers collapsed, and the privacy of the city seems to be back in place. Business goes on as it always has, and people try not to think about the rubble downtown. In a way, that's how it has to be. Privacy, especially in crowded city, is one of the most valuable commodities one can have. But it's good to know that when the extra-ordinary qualities of the human spirit are needed, they'll be there. It's the kind of quiet reassurance you get from having your faith in the human spirit proven before your eyes.

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Changes in Leoland: Good or Bad? - Part 2

Changes have occurred throughout the campus. More are on the horizon.

by Jessica Williams
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

SAINT LEO - Residence Life is not the only department to have a change. Greek Life now has Sarah Richard-Oumedlouz in charge. She transferred from Residence Life, where she worked for two years.

On September 30, 2001, the Greeks came together for Greek Vision Day. Greek Vision Day included educational seminars, which were used to build a better community within Greek Life.

"We as a Greek community have set the following goals for this year: To strengthen Greek unity and pride; increase participation in Greek organizations; dispel Greek stereotypes; be highly involved and visible in university life and the community; be better Greeks, including grades; and to hold each other accountable," stated Richard-Oumedlouz.

Richard-Oumedlouz is hoping to have more students involved in Greek Life in the future.

"Overall our Greek Community here at Saint Leo is very dedicated to making this the best Greek system we can possibly make it," she enthused. "Look out for, and attend, Greek sponsored events and join us we'd love to have you."

What was known as the Tavern by students last year is now referred to as Rocky's. However, it will always be called the Tavern. Rocky's is a college sports bar/grill, like the Tavern was, just with a new name. There is also one located near the University of South Florida. Students can also use their Saint Leo bonus bucks and monarch money to pay for meals.

"I think they have become more focused on the students," said Heather Pacana, a sophomore. "They are providing a good place for us to relax and have fun."

The Saint Leo campus has also undergone a makeover. The University has added palm trees in front of Roderick and Alumni that make these buildings more appealing to the eye.

"I am trying to soften the edges of the dorms to make them look more homey," explained Frank Mezzanini, interim vice president.

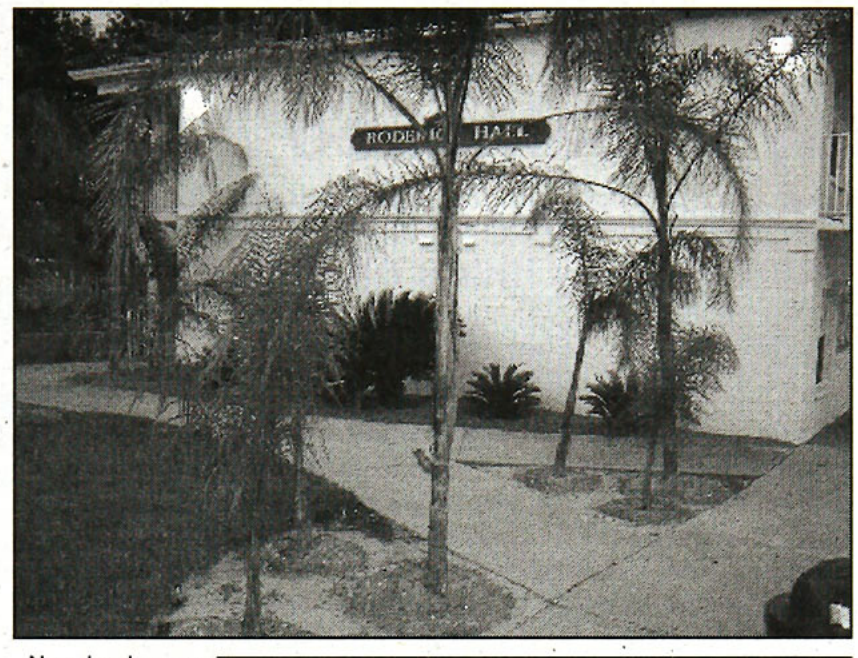
The entrance to Leoland has also been touched up with flowers to make the entrance stand out as the public drives past. Dr. Edward Dadez, vice president of student affairs, stated that the entrance to Marmion/Snyder could also expect a change in the appearance within the next few months.

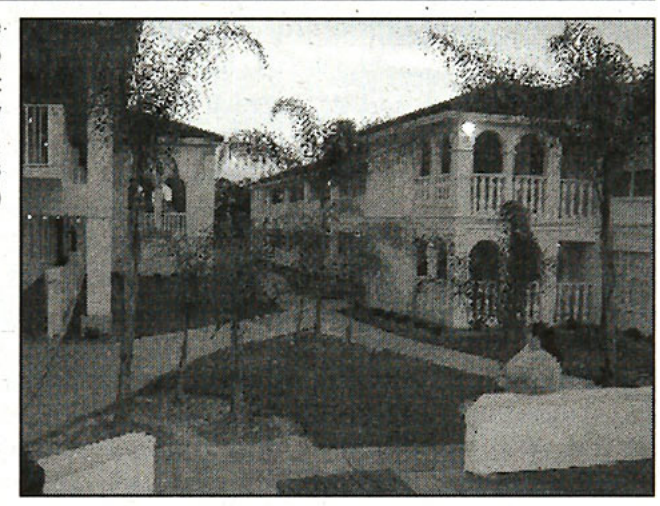
New grass has been laid down at a cost of $22,000. Mezzanini described the grass as "uglied out."

"There were no sprinklers underneath the original grass, so it died out," he said.

Mezzanini disclosed that the landscaping changes are only part of phase I, which cost $80,000. The overall changes are expected to last 20 years or longer.

By January, a state-of-the-art fitness center will be located in the basement of the gymnasium. Many of the students are looking forward to this because it will offer an area for aerobics and provide new and improved equipment. This new fitness center will be four times as big as the one the school has now. A sound system will be installed, as well as TV screens and mirrors. New equipment will be placed outside the aerobic area, including step machines, treadmills, recumbent and upright bikes, and Olympic, flat, declined, and inclined benches.





New landscape is popping up around the Saint Leo University campus. (Curtis Robinson /SLU)

Other exciting additions will be a concession area and ports for the I-books to be used. Students will also have fitness magazines they can read and checkout. Downstairs in the McDonald Center is the Cage. The Cage has always been a place for students to relax. Students can get food, sit and watch television.

Dadez explained the plans for the future of the Cage.

"[We are] looking into renovations for the Cage to better suit students' needs," he said.

Mezzanini stated that the biggest change continues to be the generator and air conditioning units. The project is approximately 85 percent completed, and so far, $6 million has been spent.

An area that definitely could use some change is the bookstore. It will be remodeled and expanded to provide more selling room. The front will be pushed out, and new storage space will be added.

"I have a $100,000 budget and I will do as much as I can for $100,000," divulged Mezzanini.

With all these changes, Saint Leo University is improving and therefore will encourage more students to attend in the future. Recruitment is always a top priority and with these distinguishing changes to the overall appearance, Saint Leo will definitely strive in enrollment in the years to come.

Organizations Send Relief

The University came together to help with the efforts in New York.

by Allison Myatt
Lions' Pride Editor

In a time of tragedy, Saint Leo University's Student Government Union (SGU) has taken it upon themselves to donate money to various funds to help New York. Following suit was the honors club Phi Theta Kappa Alumni.

As the voice of the student body, SGU members voted to donate $7,000 to two different funds in New York City. At the same time as SGU's donation, Phi Theta Kappa Alumni sat in front of the cafeteria raising money to send to the Red Cross Foundation.

Many students were at a loss for how to help with the efforts in New York, so some of the students asked SGU how they could help. One of the senators, Elliot Leasioleli, brought up the idea of donating some of the activities fee to the effort.

After careful consideration of where to send the donation, Teri Smith, SGU president, spoke with Elliot Leasioleli about the decision to send the donation to two worthy causes. One cause is the Fire Man's Fund; it will receive half of the $7,000. The second is Catholic Charities. Along with Fire Man's Fund, this charity will also receive $3,500.

Catholic Charities has a fund set up specifically for disaster relief in New York. The Catholic Charities fund will allow the donation to be spread out to more people who were affected by the terrorist attack, according to Smith.

As SGU geared up to send their donation to New York, Phi Theta Kappa Alumni continued to raise money. Seven of the organization's members sat in front of the cafeteria for a total of 7 1/2. In the days following the terrorist attacks, Phi Theta Kappa Alumni raised $900 for the Red Cross fund.

In short, the organizations sent a total of $7,900 dollars to New York to help out in any way possible.

How They Made Their Way to Saint Leo

Dr. Charles Grimes and Dr. Kathryn Duncan are new faces on campus.

by Janice Burford
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Dr. Charles Grimes (top) and Dr. Kathryn Duncan (right) are new members of the faculty. (Shane Metzler / SLU)

SAINT LEO - Last semester, the search began for a theatre professor and an early English literature professor. Some of the English majors got to meet the candidates. This semester, the two new professors are introduced to the entire campus: Drs. Charles Grimes and Kathryn Duncan.

When I first met Dr. Charles Grimes last year (he was visiting the campus and looking into teaching theatre here), I came to the conclusion that he was a bundle of nervous energy. Never did I think I would get a chance to talk to him about MIT, Samuel Beckett, and his eventual arrival at Saint Leo University.

Dr. Grimes was originally an engineering major at MIT. During his junior year, he switched from engineering to a double major of American studies and chemical engineering. As any college student knows, switching majors that late into your coursework is incredibly risky. There is the risk that you would not be able to graduate on time with your fellow classmates.

After graduating from MIT, he attended Villanova University just outside of Philadelphia, where he pursued a master's degree in theater.

"I figured I deserved to do something fun after four years at MIT," he remarked.
This love for the theater did not come from nowhere. While at MIT, he became involved in the theater program during his junior year. He acted in *Matchmaker* and *Bacchae*, as well as directing Samuel Beckett plays.

Instead of heading directly into a doctorate program, Dr. Grimes worked for a few years in "business writing jobs." He eventually made his way to New York City, where he attended New York University. He got his doctorate in English Literature with a specialization in modern drama; he did a dissertation on Harold Pinter, a contemporary British playwright.

Now, Dr. Grimes is the theatre professor at Saint Leo University. The theatre program is still a relatively new track in the English department. Dr. Grimes hopes to help expand the program.
"I want students to be able to apply to theater graduate schools after graduating from Saint Leo," he said.

Dr. Grimes has another goal, which so far, seems to be well on its way to being attained.

"I would like to make sure students have as much opportunity to be creative and have creative control as well," he said. "I also want to make sure they know the full range of classic and contemporary drama."

There is a fall production of Anton Chekov's *The Seagull* scheduled for October 26 & 27, 2001, at the Wesley Chapel Center for the Performing Arts.

Like Dr. Grimes, Dr. Kathryn Duncan attained a degree slightly different from her undergraduate work.

She began her journey at the University of Florida, where she pursued a degree in journalism. She then went on to Tulane University in Louisiana. While at Tulane, she went through a doctoral program, which combined the master's degree and the doctorate degree.

It is fitting that the new English Literature professor should get her doctorate in 18th century British literature (which is her specialization) and rhetoric & composition. What is even more intriguing is her choice of dissertation: how many people would write about the 18th century British pirates?

After finishing at Tulane, Dr. Duncan became an instructor at the Louisiana State University for three years.
She noted there were differences between the two universities.
"In one semester, I had about 115 students (at LSU)," she said.
After LSU, she went on to Henderson State University, where she was an assistant professor for two years.

Now that she is at Saint Leo, what does she think of the campus?

"I think the campus is just gorgeous," she said enthusiastically. "I think my colleagues are excellent."

So far, her experience at Saint Leo has been filled with excitement.

"I was really excited in my British literature class, when the students were talking in an interesting way about *Beowulf*. It showed that they were prepared," she said. "Also, it's nice to have small classes."

After talking with Dr. Grimes and Dr. Duncan, it becomes apparent that they have a lot to give to the Saint Leo community. It will be interesting to see how the English department will take shape with these two interesting additions to the Saint Leo family.

Fall Festival Con't

contest, balloon toss, tug-of-war competition, history game, chalk art, and finally a volleyball tournament. The participants in the spirit competitions will test their history knowledge of Saint Leo University during the history game. For the chalk art competition, students will be given a section of sidewalk to draw what Saint Leo means to them.

"Since the Spirit Day events are the kick-off for Fall Festival, we hope that all students will participate in order to celebrate the community that we have on campus and to help build a new tradition at Saint Leo," stated Rosanne DiCicco, president of Ambassadors.

On Friday night there will be a talent show for all students to participate in. It begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Marmion/Snyder lounge.

Saturday's events begin at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be student activities, such as wax hands, Henna art, and there will be an artist who spray paints portraits. These are just a few of the activities to look forward to.

Lunch that afternoon will be located in the dining room, which will be fashioned to fit the weekend's theme of an African Safari. Definitely check that out!

Students and parents will have the opportunity to attend different sporting events, including men's soccer and women's volleyball. During half-time, there will be a golf-cart parade.

Student organizations will have the opportunity to decorate the golf carts any way they see fit, as long as it is appropriate.

A Harvest Moon Festival will be held at 8:30 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Residence Life is sponsoring the Harvest Moon Festival. It will be held down in the Circle. Time Warp, the faculty band, will perform.

On Sunday, mass and brunch will be held for parents and students. Following brunch, there will be a woman's soccer and volleyball games.

"Students will have a lot of fun. Students are able to hang out with friends and play games," said Blair.

Each year, Fall Festival Weekend appears to become bigger and better.

"When we commit to the value of community at Saint Leo, we extend that commitment beyond just our students, staff and alumni. We extend our community to mean all of the families of all those people," explained Dr. Arthur Kirk, president of the university.

Kirk added that he "hopes that everyone will bring their families and enjoy the weekend and the love of family. We also hope that students whose families can be here reach out to students whose families cannot and make them part of their family for part of the weekend."

Get out there and show your spirit. Let this weekend be a relaxing, fun-filled event for you and your friends. The schedule of events can be seen below.

Greek Week

Is being Greek is right for you?

by Amberly Rogala
Special to the Lion's Pride

SAINT LEO – Are you interested in gaining a lifelong bond with many incredible people? Does being a part of an organization with values similar to your own appeal to you? Does joining a sorority or fraternity with a long-standing history interest you?
If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then joining the Greek community of Saint Leo University might be right for you.

The Saint Leo University Greek Community includes six sororitities (Alpha Sigma, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Xi Omega, Gamma Upsilon, Psi Theta Epsilon, and Sigma Sigma Sigma) and seven fraternities (Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Lambda, Kappa Theta, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Epsilon, Sigma Lambda, and Sigma Lambda Beta). Though each are separate organizations, Saint Leo has a strong sense of Greek Unity.

Greek Council will be hosting a "Go Greek Week" for interested students, November 5-9, 2001. Everyone is invited to come and share in the fun of Greek Life.

Throughout the week, several events will be held to show interested students the fun they can expect when they join a Greek organization.

The kickoff will begin Monday with a DJ in the dining hall at lunch. Monday will also kickoff a penny drive to benefit Saint Leo's "Shoes that Fit" program. During this time, students will be encouraged to place money in the jars of their favorite Greek. The winners will be crowned "Go Greek Week" king and queen at the end of the week.

Tuesday will feature a kickball game in the circle. Look out for Greeks who might try to recruit you to join in the fun. The kickball game will begin at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, the Greeks will host the second annual Greek 101 in Marmion/Snyder lounge. During this time, a short informational session will educate students as to what each organization has to offer. Greek 101 will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a social featuring cookies and punch.

Do you ever worry about having a safe, sober ride home from Ybor? Do you hate the hassle of having to pay ungodly amounts of money only to worry if your car will still be there when the night is over?

If so, come out to the "Sober Ride to Ybor" sponsored by Saint Leo's own Greek community. On Thursday, Greek Council will sponsor a sober ride to Ybor for a small fee. Students need to meet at security.

The grand finale will be the Lakefront Party on Friday. The event begins at 10 p.m. at the lake. The party will feature drink specials all night. This promises to be one of the best parties Saint Leo has seen. Make sure you join the entire Greek community for lots of fun.

The Saint Leo Greek Community has a lot to offer to many different students. The Greek Community hopes students will join together for the fun events during "Go Greek Week."

Volunteers Needed

The following opportunities are available as part of Student Employment Community Service. If you have an interest or need more details, please contact the designated person.

Pasco America Reads
Do you have a few extra hours a week and love to read to first, second, and third grade students who really need one-on-one tutoring?
Lacoochee Elementary School, Wayne Miles at 352-524-5600
San Antonio Elementary School, Vanessa Sanders at 352-524-5312
Moon Lake Elementary School, Lisa Fairbanks at 727-774-4600
Other schools in both east and west Pasco are also looking for YOU!

Tutors/Teacher's Assistant for Grades 6,7,8
Thomas Weightman Middle School, Rosemary Culp or Mrs. Klebes at 813-794-0200
Call for an appointment or apply in person: 30649 Wells Road (off Curley South).

Reading Assistants for Adults (ESOL):
Moore-Mickens in Dade City, Carol Lee at 352-524-9036

First United Methodist Church is seeking voluntees to help with the Belfry Program for middle and high school students in the Dade City area. The students who participate agree to certain restrictions regarding smoking, alcoholic beverages and bad language. A disc jockey plays music for dancing, and games such as ping pong, foosball, bumper pool, table games and Nintendo are available. Saint Leo Unviersity students who would enjoy working with youth are welcome to apply. If you wish to volunteer your time on the following Friday nights from 6:45 p.m. until 10:30 p.m., please contact Pete Brock or Laurie Tisdale at 352-588-5349.
The dates are November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7 and 14.

More details on volunteer positions are available from Janis Lockhart, Human Resources, 1st Floor Saint Francis, 588-8857, or email: resume@saintleo.edu

VIRTUAL CON'T

boards, e-mail, and virtual classroom lectures. The courses are accompanied by textbooks and study guides.

When students graduate, they receive actual, legitimate diplomas for their studies, and some schools let the "virtual" students attend graduation and walk with the on-campus graduates.

One of the great elements of an online college is flexibility. Students can tailor their schoolwork to their own schedules and lifestyles.

"I chose to study online because I have the ability to have my own schedule, access (the website) from work, and take accelerated programs," said Ellen Leto, an online student.
Men and women who work can find it hard to attend classes offered at a local college.

"Commuting to and from campus was very time-consuming," said Eric Stewart, who is pursuing a degree in business administration "At 25 years of age, I have a very good, full-time, permanent job, and it's hard to take time off to drive to and from school every day."

Working parents can find it particularly difficult to fit school into their already hectic schedules. This is where the flexibility of online classes is irrefutable.

"I am very limited in my time," said Angela Garrett, who taken several online courses. "I have a full-time career and a family that includes a husband and four young daughters. In order to attend classes on campus, I'd have to spend a lot of time away from home and possibly my job."

Online course cater to those who need more flexibility. At the beginning of the semester, the attendees are given the entire course of study: the assignments, the test dates, and the expectations of the class. This gives students the ability to customize their study plan to fit their needs and the demands of their lifestyles. Lessons can be done in the early in the morning or during late evening hours.

"With online learning, I can study and take exams or quizzes after hours with little or no impact to all my other activities," said Margaret Hager, who not only works full-time, but is active in her daughter's school, the Girl Scouts, and volunteers. "This is a big plus."

The concept may be unconventional; however, without this opportunity, many students would have no other choice than to put their education on hold. Or worse, they could deny their education all together.

"I would not have been able to attend school on campus until my daughter was much older," said Hager. "I am studying online now because I can do so at my convenience; otherwise, it would have been put on the back burner."

Many students realize the advantages to online learning, such as the immediate access to professors through e-mail or the ability to log on anywhere there is a computer hook up. They feel the hardest parts of on-line learning are time management and self-discipline.

I feel it is more challenging because you have to remain self-motivated," Garrett said. "In addition, I have to budget my time carefully to ensure I do not get behind."

Therefore, if a person cannot get to the school, why not have the school come to the person? It is a win-win situation all the way around.

Flapjack Festival

What do you think of when you hear the word flapjack? Pancakes, right?

Well, the Flapjack Festival occurs in Land O' Lakes, exit 58 off I-75. The Festival is a carnival with lots and lots of food, games, and rides.

The Flapjack Festival occurs November 2 through November 4. It is located off Highway 41, near the old Land O' Lakes Recreational Center. Arrive early because parking is hard to find.

Show up and have fun. Look for the lights from the Ferris Wheel and the traffic.

(Jessica Williams, Lions' Pride Staff Writer)

Arts & Entertainment

MUSICAL RETROSPECTIVE

by Mark Relano

Aida: Elton John and Tim Rice

"Aida" was originally an opera written by Giuseppe Verdi and performed in Cairo, Egypt in 1871. 130 years later, Elton John and Tim Rice have created a more modern version of "Aida." It has taken three years to produce this new "Aida." But it has won four Tony Awards and a Grammy and has drawn in close to one million dollars a week in revenue on Broadway (prior to September 11).

"Aida" is the story of forbidden love. Radames, Captain of the Army and future ruler of Egypt, has brought back some Nubian women from an expedition. The country of Nubia is a longtime adversary of Egypt. One of these Nubian women, Aida, has entranced Radames, and he falls deeply for the slave. Radames is supposed to wed Princess Amneris, the pharaoh's daughter, in a week.

Most slaves are sent to labor in the copper mines, but Radames doesn't want this fate for Aida, so he gives her to Amneris to be used as a handmaiden. No one knows it at first, except some of the other Nubian slaves, but Aida is really a Nubian princess.

The Egyptians have captured Amonasro, King of Nubia and Aida's father. This throws more conflict into the esoteric relationship between the Captain of the Army and the Nubian princess slave. To complicate the situation even further, Amneris' father, the pharaoh, is very ill, and she is next in line for the throne. Amneris finds comfort and friendship in her handmaiden, Aida.

Radames father discovers his affair with Aida and warns him he could lose the throne. In the song "Like Father, Like Son," Radames expresses his lack of desire for the throne: he is more interested in Aida and willing to give up everything for her. When Aida and her father are discovered missing, Radames helps Amonasro make the final escape.

This causes Radames to be arrested, and along with Aida, the two are sentenced to death for treason. Aida and Radames are to be buried alive. Amneris convinces her father to let the two lovers be buried together. As the two are taking their last breaths, a beautiful song, "Enchantment Passing Through" is reprised.

"Aida" is filled with beautiful melodies and poignant lyrics. Perhaps one may remember the hit duet "Written in the Stars" with Elton John and LeAnn Rimes. This comes from the Pop version of "Aida," released a year and a half before the musical.

This pop version has Elton John singing duets with several artists like Janet Jackson and Lulu, and also features songs from the musical performed by such artists as Lenny Kravitz, Sting, Tina Turner, James Taylor and Boys II Men. Both "Aida" CDs are very good.

Original Cast: "Man of La Mancha"

"Man of La Mancha" tells the story of a man caught between chivalry and insanity. This musical from the mid 1960s, is based on Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra's 400 year-old book Don Quixote. In his eyes, a prostitute by the name of Aldonza is a woman of honor and dignity.

Others treat Aldonza like dirt, but Don Quixote defends her honor. With a chubby, loyal sidekick by the name of Sancho Panza, Don Quixote weaves an ingenuous, brave and slightly mad tale to his fellow prisoners in a Spanish prison. Some prisoners participate in the play-within-a-play, while others become the audience.

There are three versions of "Man of La Mancha" on CD. Although it may have to be back-ordered, the best version to look for is the "Original Cast" version released in 1973, with the late stage and film actor Richard Kiley. Kiley has the perfect deep and powerful voice to convey Don Quixote's touching yet delusional fantasies.

The CD opens with "Overture" which gives a taste of all the songs in the musical. It is layered with Spanish guitars and horns. The next song is the CD's title cut. It lays out Don Quixote's dream of becoming a knight-errant. He sings of slaying dragons and battling wizards and believes virtue will always be victor.

The third song "Aldonza" has drunk and unruly men scoffing at Aldonza as she sings about sleeping with men for money: "One pair of arms is like another," she retorts. She does not like her life but accepts it.

In the song, "I Really Like Him," Aldonza asks Sancho Panza, "Why do you follow him?" He explains, "...Tear out my fingernails one by one, I like him. / I don't have a very good reason / Since I've been with him cuckoo-nuts have been in season / ...But I like him."

"Man of La Mancha" is comical as well as dramatic. The best known song from "...La Mancha" is a slow track called "The Impossible Dream (The Quest)." The lyrics are candid and forthright:

"To dream the impossible dream / To fight the unbeatable foe / To bear with unbearable sorrow / To run where the brave dare not go / To right the unrightable wrong / To love pure and chaste from afar / To try when your arms are too weary / To reach the unreachable star."

It is easy to become absorbed into Don Quixote's fantasy. He is both animated and realistic. The closing medley is performed at Don Quixote's bedside. A few unbelievers have shattered his dream, and he has lost his will to live. He is rejuvenated briefly by the sweet song of Aldonza, who begs him to make her feel like a lady again.

Don Quixote then calls for Sancho Panza to bring him his sword and armor. Unfortunately, the damage is done and Don Quixote dies. The chorus then reprises "The Impossible Dream" for the finale. The musical ends on a sad note, but the message is clear: Don't be afraid to chase your dreams, regardless of what anyone thinks.

Chess: Benny Andersson, Tim Rice, Bjorn Ulvaeus

"Chess" is the story of two professional chess players at the height of the Cold War. The American is in love with Florence, his companion and lover, who leaves him because of his impudence and conceit. She falls for the Russian, the American's opponent in the game of "64."

No names are ascribed to the American and Russian, although the American is based on Bobby Fischer, an audacious, former chess player in the 1960s and early 1970s. Obviously, a musical about chess would be quite tedious, but this musical has a lot more than chess going on. It is a love story - with desperation, betrayal and secrets.

"Chess" is the inspiration of former Abba members Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus. Veteran lyricist Tim Rice ("Jesus Christ Superstar", "The Lion King") co-writes with the two Swedish songwriters. But don't expect to hear much of the Abba sound, because although "Chess" is filled with traditional type songs and instrumentals — it also contains some rock and pop tracks.

"Chess" may have to be ordered. It is a double CD, and the musical dates back to 1984. It opens with "Merano," a small town in Italy, where the chess match is being held. The citizens and even the mayor come out to sing.

Some may remember a top ten hit in the 1980s, called "One Night in Bangkok" by Murray Head. This is one of the best songs on the disc, and has a rap feel with the vocal altered electronically. The cocksure American has lost to the Russian in Merano and returns the following year for a rematch in Bangkok. His attitude hasn't changed:

"I don't see you guys rating / The kind of mate I'm contemplating / I'd let you watch I would invite you / But the queens we use would not excite you / So you better go back to your bars, your temples, your massage parlours." In the song "The Deal (No Deal)," the American propositions the Russian in order to get Florence (his former mistress) back.

Florence has spent the last year with the Russian. She believes her father was a hero, when in actuality, the Soviets have supplied information to the American about Florence's father being a traitor and a murderer. The American tries to exploit this ugliness in the hard rock number to win her love back.

In the moving track "Pity the Child," the American feels sorry for himself after failing to get Florence back. He recollects on how hard his life was, and is still self-absorbed with himself. Florence does not fall for his final tactic — guilt. The ending guitar work on "Pity the Child" is spectacular.

"Chess" is a unique CD. It mimics some of the traditional elements of a musical, like "Phantom of the Opera," but it also steps out of the norm and delivers an innovative sound and concept. The theme of the musical may be chess, but it's really the age-old story of boy meets girl, boy falls in love with girl, boy loses girl.

Students' records being disclosed more often after attacks

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(U-WIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. — Right to privacy vs. national security in America has come to the forefront in the weeks following Sept. 11,and the FBI's recent actions have some college administrators wondering where to draw the line.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, student records are confidential. Parents have control of the records until a student turns 18, then they can only be disclosed with the student's permission.

Normally, if the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency, Justice Department or U.S. Marshals want access to students' records, they must obtain permission or get a subpoena. After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, several colleges were contacted by the FBI wishing to inspect students' records.

According to a nationwide survey by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, about 200 universities have been contacted by the FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Services.

Lindsey Kozberg, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Education, said many colleges contacted the department to ask if the FERPA allowed disclosure of students' records without a subpoena.

"We have told them that under the circumstances, the health and safety exception applies," Kozberg told the Kaimin Tuesday.

FERPA, also known as the Buckley amendment, has a clear exception for cases like this, Kozberg said. In times of war or national crisis, no subpoena is required to access student records, she said.

University of Montana has not received any requests from the FBI or other agencies to inspect student records, said Phil Bain, registrar at UM. He said there is a clear distinction between directory information and the non-directory information the FBI is searching for.

Directory information includes name, address, telephone number, date of birth, major and other information not considered to be an invasion of privacy if disclosed, he said. Non-directory information is simply all other private information not included in directory information.

Students can request that their directory information not be disclosed without written permission, Bain said.

David Aronofsky, UM legal counsel, said he just returned from a conference at Colorado State University where one of the main topics included student record privacy.

"There is no question that the health and safety exception applied right after the attacks," Aronofsky said. "But the further away from Sept. 11 we get, the validity of that exception starts to become questionable."

Aronofsky has requested to assess the legal basis for any requests from any agency to inspect UM students' non-directory information. Usually when the FBI or any federal agency contacts the school, it is to obtain a record that a student has agreed to disclose, he said.

"If a student is applying to any of those agencies, they must sign a disclosure waiver, or their application will be thrown out," Aronofsky said.

But Aronofsky said he and his colleagues agreed that requests by federal agencies conducting investigations without a subpoena or consent should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the United States Student Association have recently voiced their concerns about students' privacy rights during the investigations.

American Marketing Association

The American Marketing Organization is an international organization with a chapter at Saint Leo.

by Dave McCarron
Special to the Lions' Pride

Athletics, fraternities, and sororities usually get most of the acclaim as far as student activities on campus. But, if you cannot dribble a basketball, or if you are uninterested in the things that fraternities and sororities have to offer, there are other ways to get involved in organizations on campus.

Saint Leo University has many academic clubs, and one of them is the award-winning organization, American Marketing Association.

The American Marketing Organization is an international organization with a chapter at Saint Leo. AMA helps students in many aspects of marketing. It can help them in their present classes, and it can also help them better their future in the world of marketing.

AMA's advisor, Dr. Stephen Baglione, works with the students to give them something substantial for their resume and the ability to meet local business contacts in Tampa. These are just two of the important things the American Marketing Association does.

Past president of this school's chapter, Nick Gattuso, was a long-standing member and was happy with the value of what he received from the AMA.

"AMA helped me understand the different ideas of marketing," Gattuso said. "I was able to make local business contacts in Tampa and actually talk to people who were doing what one day I aspired to do."

AMA also can immediately help students in college.

"Through AMA, I was able to find out what marketing is and how it is used," Gattuso said.

Another perk to the American Marketing Association is travel. If all the goals of the year are met, then the AMA goes to the International Collegiate Conference, which has been held in recent years in New Orleans, Louisiana.

So if you cannot hit a curve ball, or you do not want to go through rushing a fraternity or sorority, then check out the AMA and build for the future.

November Horoscopes

Aries *(March 21 - April 19)*
This month, use your charm to convince others you are qualified to take on a particular task.

Taurus *(April 20 - May 20)*
Your patience will really shine through when a good friend comes to you for help this month.

Gemini *(May 21 - June 21)*
Don't be so pessimistic about new ideas and possibilities; you never know what may come of them.

Cancer *(June 22 - July 22)*
Don't let your mood swings get the best of you mid-month.

Leo *(July 23 - August 22)*
The generosity you share with others at the end of the month will be rewarded in more ways then you could imagine.

Virgo *(August 23 - September 22)*
Your intelligence will be especially required to solve a complicated problem this month.

Libra *(September 23 - October 23)*
Use your gentle manner when trying to encourage a friend or family member.

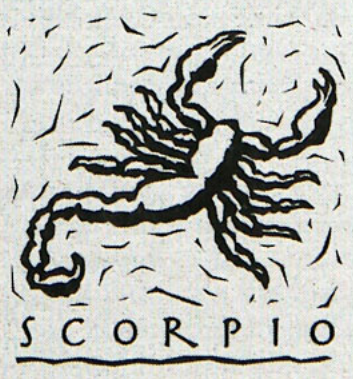
Scorpio *(October 24 - November 21)*
This month try not to take yourself so seriously and relax!

Sagittarius *(November 22 - December 21)*
Your positivity greatly influences others, especially at the end of the month.

Capricorn *(December 22 - January 19)*
It's time to come out of your shell and allow others to get to know the real you.

Aquarius *(January 20 - February 18)*
Forget about past grudges this month, the only thing you have to lose is hard feelings.

Pisces *(February 19 - March 20)*
Now is the time to buy an organizer and get struct



SLU Sports

Saint Leo University Women's Basketball

Wilson and women's basketball team hope for a winning season.

SAINT LEO - Will the Saint Leo University women's basketball team turn the corner in the 2001-02 season?

Coach David Wilson feels the answer to that very important question is YES!

Wilson begins his third season at the helm of the Lions.

"We were pretty bad the first season," Wilson pointed out about the team that didn't win a Sunshine State Conference game and won only five of 27 contests overall.

"Last year we were competitive. We still didn't win a league game and won but six overall in 27 games, but..."

His voice trailed off at this point as he reviewed what took place last season when the team was on the brink of breaking through three times against league champion Rollins College, once against runner-up Florida Southern College and once against Eckerd College. The Lions had the lead or had the ball where a basket would have tied the game or win it in the last minute and each time came up short.

"This is what happened in our last four games, including the Rollins game in the conference tournament," said Wilson.

"The program has lost 31 straight league games and 30 are mine. We have got to get the first win and the rest will become so much easier. I feel we can play with everyone in our league. I would be very disappointed in this group if we didn't have at least a break even season. If we come ready to play every day, it can happen.

"We are still a very young team with only one senior and that is a concern. We do return a strong group of young women with quality minutes last year that can play. We are much better in the post this year. At different times last year, all five freshmen that return started. They now have the one year in the books. We have a lot more quality depth this year, because of newcomers at every position."

Wilson said the team will feature once again a group who can shoot the 3-pointers with success. "I can't see any difference this year between our seventh and 12th players and that is a strong positive. We have several players now who have different abilities, which adds a new dimension to our team."

Another positive sign to the coach was the trip the team took this summer to the Cayman Islands and won all three games it played.

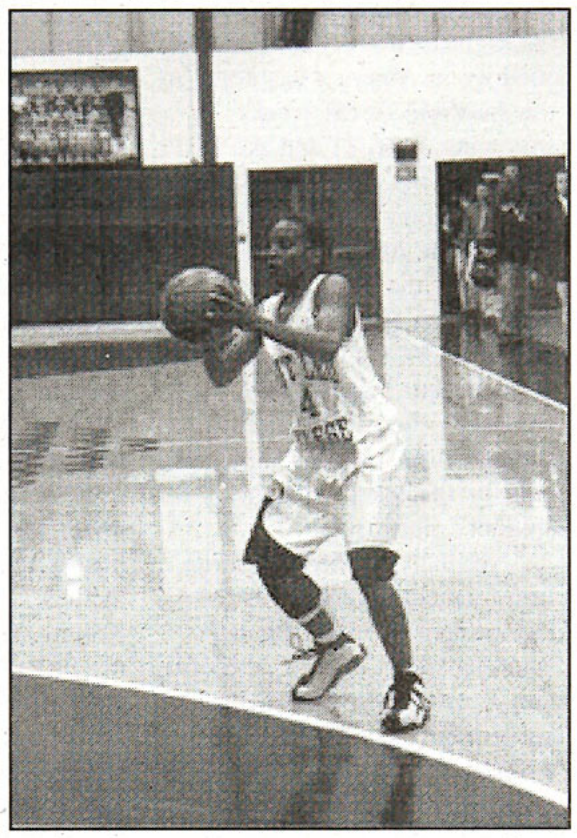
"The team came together on this trip," Wilson said. "They got to know each other better and gained confidence that the team can be successful with hard work."

The Lions will run a three-guard offense this year and the four players involved should make this the strong point of the team. Sophomore Tenley Schofield, sophomore Angela Sclafani, junior Ashley Storm and freshman Meg Shwechuk make up the group.

Schofield averaged 8.7 points a game and made 34 percent of her 3-point shots. She also averaged just over three rebounds a game. Sclafani also averaged 8.7 points and was true on 39 percent of her threes. Storm averaged 6.3 points and 2.1 assists.

"Tenley and Angela will start in our three-guard offense, while Meg, as a freshman, has a very good chance of being our starting point guard," said Wilson. "If not it will be Ashley. They both will play a lot. Storm has two years in our system. I have confidence both can get us in our offense and settle us down when needed.

"Schofield can just flat out shoot the ball and has a great knowledge of strong shooter and just a great young lady to have around. Kate has been here four years through the thick and thin. A very hard worker, who makes her teammates better because of the way she practices. Brillion is a very quick point guard, who is still learning the system."



A Saint Leo University Student (Saint Leo University)

Women's Basketball Roster

September Harrison
Jacki Pugh
Danielle Renaud
Meg Shewchuck
Amy West
Brillion Williams
Ashley Storm
Tenly Schofield
Shannon Cummings
Lisa Cronauer
Angela Sclafani
Jessica Goneconte
Kate McCall
Ebony Winn
Maria Martin

Brad Johnson and Saint Leo – Quaterbacking for Education

Brad Johnson has given his support to help military personnel earn a college education.

SAINT LEO - Saint Leo University may not have a football team, but it has teamed up with Tampa Bay Buccaneer quarterback Brad Johnson to support opportunities for military personnel to earn a college education.

As part of the Quarterbacking for Education program, Johnson has committed to support the MacDill Education Council, a non-profit foundation that promotes the continuation of higher education within the Armed Forces in the Tampa Bay area.

For every touchdown Johnson scores, running or passing, Saint Leo is donating $100 to the MacDill Education Council, Inc. The donations are made for touchdowns made during pre, regular, and post season Buccaneers games. With pre-season games and four regular season games played as of October 14, Johnson has run or thrown for seven touchdowns.

The MacDill Center was established in 1974 as Saint Leo's first continuing education center. Saint Leo recognized the special needs of military students, and offers shortened terms and flexible schedules to accommodate their demanding schedules. Today the center serves nearly 500 students, many of whom are active duty military.

Saint Leo University is a four-year, Catholic, liberal arts university chartered in 1889 and located just north of Tampa, Florida. Students enrolled at Saint Leo University may choose from 24 bachelor's degree and three graduate degree programs and may participate in 13 intercollegiate sports. As the sixth leading provider of higher education to the military, the student body includes nearly 10,000 students on the traditional university campus, at many regional centers throughout Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia, and through the Center for Online Learning.